



## 2016 Pinot Noir Manzana Vineyard



**ORIGIN:** The grapes for this Pinot Noir came exclusively from Manzana Vineyard, which is farmed by the renowned Dutton Family. The Duttons have been growing grapes in Sonoma County—specifically the Russian River Valley—for generations. Because they are known for their meticulous farming and consistent quality vintage after vintage, their fruit is highly prized. Manzana is located in Green Valley, a sub-appellation of the Russian River Valley known for its cool temperatures. For Pinot Noir, this unique climate results in deeper colors and intense aromatics. The best barrels from Manzana Vineyard were used to make this wine, with each specifically selected for its unique and ideal traits.

**VINEYARD NOTES:** The 2016 vintage started out with an early bud break followed

by a warm growing season. Just when we were about to start picking, we had a cool spell in late August. This helped slow things down and spread out the harvest. With no threat of rain in sight, we hand harvested the grapes exactly when we wanted in the cool evening hours of September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**WINEMAKING NOTES:** The fruit was gently destemmed into small open-top fermenters, using state-of-the-art equipment and procedures to avoid any pumping of the must. Inoculation with select yeast strains followed a three-day cold soak, and the caps were managed with a combination of pumpovers and punchdowns. After 10 months of ageing in exclusively French oak barrels, 32% of which were new, we bottled on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

**TASTING NOTES:** This wine displays an opulent, dense purple-red color, and enticing aromas of brandied cherry and potpourri. On the palate, it strikes a lovely balance between firm, rich tannins and a supple, round mouthfeel. The finish is youthful and firm, ensuring that this beautiful wine will age well for many years to come.

This vintage produced 464 (9L) cases, 19 barrels.

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